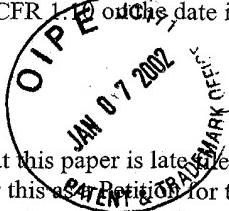


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RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 5, 2001, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I for further prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to applicants filing divisional applications to the non-elected claims..

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